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Under the administration of the Mark Hanna Party the trusts are getting everything they ask for.

It makes a Monroe County Democrat sick to see the representative from the Banner Democratic County in the State standing so close to the Republican members of the House.

Monroe county could save money by letting the office of county judge out to the lowest bidder—unless she got taken in like she did on the county printing.

Missouri through her representatives in the legislature should do the right thing by the Louisiana Purchase celebration in 1903. A liberal appropriation should be made by the 40th General Assembly.

No harm can come of a thorough investigation, not white wash, all is right every true Missourian will be glad; but on the other hand if conditions are rotten every good citizen regardless of political belief will be glad to hear the evils corrected.

The masses must work as they never have before to win in 1900. The freedom or slavery of the masses depends on the result. Certainly the people will not vote for the party of trusts and the nefarious gold standard and by so doing vote slavery upon themselves and their children.

In 1900 the people will meet all the trusts, monopolies and money power of the world in battle for supremacy. The people who favor legislation for the few will be well organized and equipped for the battle. They will have the wealth of the world at their command. Coercion and money will be used without limit, if necessary, to win. It is the duty of the people to stand up for their own interests. The party of Mark Hanna is the party which stands by the favored few. It is the Democratic party which stands by the people and it is the duty of the people to line up with the party of Jefferson, Jackson and Bryan. We must fight for our rights and for human liberty. In order to win we must be well organized. The time to begin the work is now. Our friends, the enemy, are well organized. We must not delay longer.

The governed have rights. They elect representatives to represent them in doing legislative work. It is not only the privilege but the duty of citizens to let the representative whom they have elected hear from them when in any way he fails to do what seemeth best to the people who elected him. The citizens of Monroe county, which is the banner Democratic county of the State, elected Mr. Whitecotton to be the representative from grand old Monroe. His acts in the legislature have been such that the Globe-Democrat has intimated that there may be an understanding between what are known as insurgents (Mr. Whitecotton being

recognized as Aguinaldo) and the Republican members of the House. We hope such is not the case. However, it would be well for Mr. Whitecotton to be free from suspicion of working against the Democratic party, as by working against the interests of the Democratic party he is against the interest of every citizen of Missouri. The citizens of Monroe county do not wish to go on record as having a representative who fights his own (the Democrat) party and is found in the camp of the enemy. In fact, she can not afford to go on record this way. Hence, it is the duty of the citizens of grand old Monroe to request Mr. Whitecotton to get in line once more with his party. If the citizens openly make such a request and Mr. Whitecotton fails to obey the skirts of Monroe County Democracy will be free, otherwise Monroe County must stand the consequences. Something should be done and what is done must be done at once.

Jefferson City News.

[Special to the DEMOCRAT.]

Hon. Carey W. Cole, of Ralls county, in addition to a place upon several of the most important house committees, has been given the chairmanship of the committee on "Private Corporations." This is a position requiring the greatest ability, and is only bestowed upon a man of pronounced legislative genius and unswerving honesty. From his record in the 39th General Assembly, the people may feel sure their interests will be guarded well. Ralls county may well feel proud at having such an able and influential man representing them at Jefferson City.

The senate has appointed a committee of three to examine the history and civil government adopted last year by the text book commission. The Republicans object to the work on civics and the Democrats to the history, each claiming the respective books are partisan and hence unfit for the use of children. The report of the committee promises to make interesting reading matter.

When Monroe county's Representative makes a speech the Republican side of the house invariably applauds. We do not say that Mr. Whitecotton has an understanding with them, but, to a man up a tree, it looks a little queer. It is a strange state of affairs, indeed, when the representative of the great county of Monroe, the home of Pitts and Brace, leads a minority fight on a Democratic administration and leaving his own party councils, fraternizes with the Republicans.

The Senate and House Committees have been appointed and now it is getting down to business. Generally the Committees were satisfactory. As usual there are some discontented.

Many new bills have been introduced. Among the more important are the bill for a vote of the people on the calling of a Constitutional convention, the St. Louis fire and warden bill, a bill to make the term of office of county officers four years and under any officer ineligible to re election, the Torrens bill for the registration of land titles, the teachers' institute bill, a bill requiring railroads to furnish separate coaches for colored people.

The election of the Hon. F. M. Cockrell to a fifth term, was

a noteworthy occurrence and attracted considerable interest. The Democrats gave Cockrell their solid support while two Republicans were not able to swallow the Republican caucus nominee. These two Republicans were Praisewater of Andrew and Musser of Miller.

Gov. and Mrs. Stephens gave an informal reception at the Mansion Tuesday evening.

This being the Revising Session it is quite probable that it will not be able to finish its work before May 15th.

The boarding house keepers know how to take all the salary of the State employees and feed them on poor food.

Resolutions to create two new State institutions have been introduced and have some supporters. One is a state reformatory near Jefferson City to put all persons under 30 years of age who are convicted of crime (murder excepted) for the first time. The other institution is an insane asylum in Southeast Missouri.

The United States has no use for the Philippines except to make the trusts richer and more tyrannical. The Philippines do not desire to become citizens of our Republic. Their admittance will cost America much in blood and treasure and in taking the Philippines in, we forfeit forever any right to the benefits to be derived from the Monroe Doctrine. Keep them out in the interest of our grand republic.

That class of people who are seeking wealth at the expense of the people and who desire such legislation as will enable the favored few to more easily take from the people their hard earned money are trying to create discord in the Democratic party, the party that has ever stood by the people and cared for their interests.

The legislator who goes back to his people with the loudest howl about what HE has saved for the people of Missouri is, perhaps, the one who did the most to pass some bill that would take thousands of dollars from the people.

Our Republican friends are making a desperate effort to fasten the gold standard on the people so that it will be almost impossible for the people to ever again be free. Will the people submit?

The free silver movement is growing stronger notwithstanding the assertions made to the contrary, made by gold standard friends.

The people should watch the acts of their representatives in the legislature and in congress.

The Moberly Monitor, speaking of the habit of presents at weddings and anniversaries, says: "Any young couple of social prominence who will announce in their wedding invitations that presents are not desired will call down upon their heads the blessings of a tired and abused community, victims of a social bunco games. All these functions (birthday parties, tin, wooden, silver, gold, and diamond weddings) instead of being pleasant and rational customs, are a simple stand-and-deliver game, abuses against which there should be an organized movement. This social mendicancy should be stopped.—Ex.

A new tin plate plant is to be established at Peoria, Ill., to be gobbled up by the trust.

REMOVED!

THE TURNER DRUG CO. is now doing business in the south room under the Opera House.

Their Entire Stock, Fixtures and Furniture is Fresh and New.

Everyone is cordially invited to call and see us in our New and Elegant quarters.

Turner Drug Co.

The Cuban evacuation committee has made its report and like its boss, McKinley, neither suggests nor outlines a policy for the future government of the Island.

University of Notre Dame, Ind., Jan. 23, 1899.

ED. DEMOCRAT:

Dear Sir—Through the courtesy of a friend the last issue of the DEMOCRAT reached me. Its arrival was like the visit of an unexpected old friend breaking the monotony of College life with the glad news of former associations.

I enclose the subscription price and shall welcome your paper as a weekly visitor.

Very Truly Yours,

EMMETT CORLEY.

Bethel Bible Institute.

The Bethel Bible Institute will meet with the First Baptist Church of Palmyra this evening and to-morrow. Rev. J. H. Riffe, of this city will open the session with a sermon and Rev. Everette Gill, of Hannibal, will close with a sermon Friday evening. There will be a reunion and historical meeting Sunday. The Palmyra Church was organized in 1831. It has had twenty pastors, of whom seven J. E. Luther, B. F. Hixson, S. H. Ford, A. H. Rhodes, P. R. Ridgely, M. L. Thomas, are still living. It will be a real love feast for the older brethren and sisters.

"When the desire to steal becomes uncontrollable in an individual he is declared to be a kleptomaniac and is sent to an asylum; when the desire to grab land becomes uncontrollable in a nation we are told that the 'currents of destiny are flowing through the hearts of men' and that the American people are entering upon their manifest mission. Shame upon a logic which locks up the petty offender and enthrones grand larceny. Have the people returned to the worship of the Golden Calf? Have they made unto themselves a new commandment consistent with the spirit of conquest and the lust for empire? Is 'thou shalt not steal' upon a small scale to be substituted for the law of Moses? 'Awake, O ancient Law Giver, awake! Break forth from thine unmarked sepulchre and speed thee back to the cloud-frowned summit of Mount Sinai; commune once more with the God of our fathers and proclaim again the words engraved upon tables of stone—that law that was, the law that is, to-day—the law that neither individual nor nation can violate with impunity.'—William J. Bryan.

Speaker Wards Committee.

Speaker Wards Committees as announced are a surprise to no one. The ones who supported him for Speaker were rewarded and the "Insurgents" expecting nothing were not disappointed. The personal of some of the most important committees is rather lame in the sense that the strongest in the House were not put at the head of them. C. A. Smith, of St. Louis (Rep.) got a good place on the Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence; Wilson, of St. Louis (Rep.) is on the Committee on Eleemosynary Institutions; J. W. Smith, of St. Louis, (Dem.) got on the Committee on Commerce; Barleigh, of St. Louis, on Banks and Banking and the Justice of the Peace Committee. It will be observed that the best places went to Republicans.—Post-Dispatch. And these committees also show that St. Louis legislation is not a "purely local matter" as has been stated by one of our legislators but a State affair.

Rotten.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 23.—The transport, Morgan City, will carry to Manila vast quantities of spoiled bacon. Flour and other provisions have been packed upon the bacon, despite protests made by those familiar with tropical conditions that the bacon would destroy the rest of the cargo. Swift & Co. delivered 980 crates of bacon in good condition, but it was rain-soaked while being taken in open drays to the wharf. The Morgan City was to have sailed Jan. 7 but will not leave port until to-morrow. The Government pays \$300 per day for her. Who is getting the rake off or steal. Who gets the \$12,000 for lost time? The management is more rotten than the bacon.

The War Department has more trouble on its hands and it may be as bad as the "Em-balmed beef." Smallpox has broken out among the American troops in and near Havana. Eighteen days after a cable for vacancies for the army was sent to the Washington authorities, 800 point were sent when there should have been 10,000 of them. If dirt in the Commissary and War Departments continue to be turned up, the "Alger Relief Committee" had just as well make their session a continuous one.

New York, Jan. 19.—The transport Grant, bound for the Philippines with Maj. Gen. Lawton and staff, the Fourth Infantry and a battalion of the Seventh Infantry aboard, sailed to-day.